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SUBJECT: SOVIET PRESS ATTACK ON USIA/VOA

1. TASHKENT'S "PRAVDA VOSTOKA" OF JANUARY 21, 1978, CARRIED
ATTACK ON USIA/VOA SIGNED BY YE. MOVA, IDENTIFIED AS OF THE
NOVOSTI PRESS AGENCY. UNDER TITLE "POLLUTING THE AIRWAVES"
(KOPOT' V EFIRE), MOVA DESCRIBES NEW METHODS OF AND TECHNICAL
MEANS FOR THE DISSEMINATION OF "WESTERN PROPAGANDA" IN ASIA AND
AFRICA. HE NOTES THAT VARIOUS COUNTRIES HAVE ASKED US FACILITIES
TO CLOSE DOWN: A "USIA RADIO STATION" IN NIGERIA, A VOA RELAY
STATION IN MALAYSIA, A RADIO-TV STATION IN IRAN, AND OTHERS.
AUTHOR CITES "SLANDER AND FALSIFICATIONS AND USE OF BOURGEOIS
PROPAGANDA" IN THE BROADCASTS IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES AS REASONS
FOR THESE MOVES.

2. MOVA POINTS TO EFFORTS OF US PSYCHOLOGISTS AND SOCIOLOGISTS
IN COOKING UP THE SO-CALLED "MSOKED HERRING DEVICE", A
PROPAGANDA TRICK BASED ON DIVERTING LISTENERS' ATTENTION FROM THE
MAIN FACTS OF A STORY TO MINOR DETAILS. IN THIS WAY, ACCORDING
TO MOVA, VOA "CONCEALS THE CHARACTER AND ESSENCE OF US
IMPERIALISM, OF THE CONDUCT OF RUTHLESS EXPLOITATION OF
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NATURAL RESOURCES OF BOTH CONTINENTS." NOTABLY, VOA IS
ALSO ACCUSED OF CULTURAL IMPERIALISM DUE TO ITS ATTEMPTS
TO "DESTROY TRADITIONAL CULTURES." ON THE TECHNICAL SIDE,
MOVA DESCRIBES THE BUILDING OF VOA'S "FOUR NEW TRANSMITTERS"
COVERING EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICA AND "EIGHT OTHERS COVERING
ASIA", AS WELL AS A PERSONAL INCREASE FROM 180 TO 250 IN
AFRICA.

3. WHEN COUNTRIES TRY TO STOP THIS PROPAGANDA ACTIVITY, THE US ACCUSES THEM OF "THOUGHT CONTROL" AND "IMPEDING FREEDOM OF INFORMATION", SAYS THE ARTICLE. THIS FREEDOM GOES ONLY ONE WAY, HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO MOVA: US LISTENERS DO NOT HEAR FOREIGN BRBADCASTS. "THE WESTERN RADIO SABOTEURS ARE ONLY INTERESTED IN FREEDOM WHEN IT AFFECTS THEIR OWN INTERESTS," HE CONCLUDES.

4. COMMENT: THIS ARTICLE CLEARLY IS AIMED TOWARD THE THIRD WORLD FROM THE SOVIET "WINDOW" THEREON, TASHKENT. AS A NOVOSTI PIECE, MOVA'S ARTICLE HAS PROBABLY ALSO BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO LDC AND LEFTWING PRESS.
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